

<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b>  <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</i>	Attorney Docket No. <b>101896-0234</b>	
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	Title	<b>TISSUE RETRACTOR AND GUIDE DEVICE</b>
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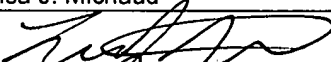
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